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Inventor(s): Cates et al.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Cates et al.  
Serial Number: 10/044,171  
Filed: October 22, 2001  
For: **Coated Textile Substrate For Image Printing**

Group Art Unit: 1774

Examiner: Grendzynski, Michael E.

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This response is directed to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2003. A one month extension of time request is filed concurrently with this response.

In the Office Action, it was requested that the Applicant elect from several different species provided in the Office Action. In this instance, there appears to be no burden in searching and examining the application as presented. The first claim is generic to the species provided in the Office Action.

Nevertheless, Applicant provisionally elects Species A, which is directed to a device including a textile substrate and a coating thereon comprising a repellent finish chemical comprising a fluoroochemical, and a cationic material with an absorbent polymer.

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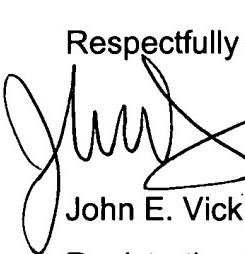
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In the event that the course of the search it is found by the Examiner that there is no citable art directed to the species, then in that instance it is requested that the Examiner search and examine the invention as provided in Claim 1.

**Fee Authorization:** In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

**Extension of Time:** In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Respectfully submitted,



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